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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 47

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A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting North American energy independence.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting North American
2 energy independence.

3 *Whereas, New technology and accessible reserves,*
4 *including the vast Canadian oil reserves that are second to only*
5 *Saudi Arabia and the Bakken formations in Montana and the*
6 *Dakotas, have positioned North America to become a global*
7 *leader in oil and natural gas production;*

8 *Whereas, These energy reserves and new developments*
9 *have become a catalyst for economic growth, bringing*
10 *affordable energy, jobs, revenues, and an accompanying*
11 *resurgence of manufacturing, the energy industry contributing*
12 *more than one trillion dollars annually to the United States'*
13 *economy and supporting more than nine million jobs;*

14 *Whereas, Both the United States and North America as a*
15 *whole have a historic opportunity to enhance national energy*
16 *security and affordability even more at this time as well;*

17 *Whereas, A secure supply of oil and natural gas is not only*
18 *needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook*
19 *their food, and drive their vehicles, but a secure supply is also*



1 *needed to allow the United States economy to thrive and grow*
2 *free from the potential threats and disruptions of the crude oil*
3 *supply from less secure parts of the world;*

4 *Whereas, The need for energy independence is even greater*
5 *when taking into the account that worldwide competition for oil*
6 *and natural gas will only increase as third world countries'*
7 *economies and populations continue to grow;*

8 *Whereas, A key part in ensuring the United States and*
9 *North America's independence is the Keystone XL pipeline and*
10 *other such projects, as pipelines are the safest method for*
11 *transporting crude oil, the project will reduce greenhouse gas*
12 *emissions by reducing the amount of train and ocean tankers*
13 *needed to transport resources, the project will create 9,000*
14 *construction jobs, 75% of the pipe would come from North*
15 *American mills, and in the fifth Environmental Impact*
16 *Statement conducted in five years, the Keystone XL pipeline is*
17 *projected to ultimately support more than 42,000 jobs overall*
18 *and put two billion dollars in workers' pockets over two years;*

19 *Whereas, Policy should also be considered to overturn*
20 *current rules that limit offshore oil and natural gas resources,*
21 *as the United States could be 100% energy independent for*
22 *liquid fuels by 2025 if the federal government opened access to*
23 *areas currently off limits and partnered with Canada to*
24 *maximize its oil sands; and*

25 *Whereas, National policy makers should thus be urged to*
26 *adopt an energy approach that increases the United States and*
27 *North America's energy security as a whole, ensures the*
28 *availability of needed pipelines and infrastructure, and that*
29 *stimulates the economy and creates jobs: Therefore,*

30 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
31 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate supports current and future
2 efforts to achieve North American energy independence.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of Congress.

